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EDMONTON BULLETIN, JAN. 26, 1888

LAND LAW AMENDMENT.

A copy of a lengthy petition to the minister of the Interior was received by the Bulletin on Monday's mail from the Moose Jaw agricultural society. The petition is printed for circulation amongst the farming community of the Northwest for signatures pending the opening of the house at Ottawa. A copy was received by the president of the Edmonton agricultural society and has been signed by the president and secretary on behalf of the society. This petition, like the one already circulated in this district and taken to Ottawa by Senator Hardisty, is founded on the land resolutions passed by the Northwest assembly at its late session and except in its first paragraph, which congratulates the minister of Interior on his appointment, follows within the same lines. It is too long to publish in full but the following extracts will give an idea of its nature: "We would particularly draw your attention to the fact that bona fide resident homesteaders, who faithfully fulfilled all the requirements of the land laws, and applied for their patents, are having their pre-emption cancelled, being unable to pay for them within the time allowed by order in council, contrary to the many assurances by those in authority: while from those who were or are behind or derelict in performing their duties, and those who have not applied for their patents, and those who have been absent for years more or less and are not entitled to their patents, although they perfected their entire from three to five years ago, neither payment of principal or interest has been demanded, nor have they been threatened with the cancellation of their pre-emption, but enjoy perfect immunity and stay in the possession of their homesteads and pre-emption. The lenient policy pursued towards the latter classes we believe to be in the main necessary, wise and prudent, and should not hastily be departed from except in case of those who are about without leave. But the policy of the department towards the first mentioned class is entirely and fully fulfilled all the requirements of the land law, we unhesitatingly characterize as ill-timed and previously unjust, and also in direct defiance and opposition to the whole tenor, and gist, spirit and intention of the government and parliament of the Dominion. "The necessity of holding our pre-emption is shown by the experience of five years to be greater than we at first anticipated, and is essential to successful farming in the Northwest. 1st. Because mixed farming is imperative and 2nd. Because the necessity of summer following to the extent of having twice the amount of land under cultivation that we have under crop is practically admitted by all resident homesteaders. Eighty acres under crop thus requiring all our homesteads to be under cultivation. "The effect of the threat of cancellation impending over settlers' heads unless payment in full of principal and interest is made within twelve months from date of notice is, in many cases to prevent settlers both from paying interest and making improvements on their pre-emption; homesteaders considering it sufficient loss to have their pre-emption cancelled without in addition to pay interest and improvements. We therefore respectfully represent that the withdrawal of the threat of cancellation is thus rendered doubly necessary and important; a concession easily granted, seeing that land variously estimated at from 50 to 150 million acres is vacant in the Northwest waiting for settlers. "Compactness of settlement was always favored and advocated by resident settlers for various reasons, on two lines, viz: Allow the limited number of settlers entitled to second homesteads to homestead their pre-emption in lieu of the privilege of getting a second entry for a second and pre-emption, thus making settlement more compact

by confining settlers entitled to second homesteads to 330 acres, instead of 480 or 640 as at present, and without interfering with the general land policy of the Dominion, or involving any cost or sacrifice whatever on the part of the government (contrary to the opinion of some in authority) as your long desire you to perceive. Resident settlers—and all others are entitled to second homesteads—always regarded this as the easiest and best mode of settling all disputes and difficulties in connection with second homesteads and compactness of settlement. And, further, in connection with compactness of settlement, all settlers advocate the opening up of the odd sections whenever practicable, and earnestly hope that the recent agreement with the C. P. R. authorities will open up a way to legislation to that end in the near future. Both of these methods will receive the hearty concurrence and approval of the entire body of interested settlers, while the present mode of cancelling pre-emption for arrears assigned will, we believe, receive the unanimous uncompromising opposition of every homesteader in the Northwest. That, speaking in round figures and without amplification as to the exact number, we judge that there are five thousand settlers whose pre-emption payments are due, aggregating a total of \$2,000,000—a sum exceeding the whole exports for the year. That to withdraw this sum or a fraction of it from circulation in the Northwest at the present juncture, after five years of severe almost unexampled depression, will precipitate business embarrassments and be a public calamity. "That with regard to second homesteads we respectfully represent: That the policy of giving second homesteads has not been unanimously approved of, but that it is a policy inaugurated by the present government and party in power, solemnly ratified and frequently alluded to by them as an evidence of the liberality of our land laws in contradistinction to the land laws of the United States. That all who took up land subsequent to the 25th May, 1883, and prior to June 2nd, 1886, and have performed or are performing their homestead duties in the territory with the land laws, are entitled to and should receive a second homestead. That the law ancient second homesteads having been repealed, is no reason why deserving settlers should be deprived of their guaranteed rights or suffer, without receiving a full equivalent. That the parties (if any) who should have been paid, solemnly ratified and parliament who solemnly enacted the second homestead law and placed it on the statute book, thereby plighting the faith of the Dominion to the settler. "We therefore respectfully urge that you draw the attention of your colleagues to the fact that many settlers are still deprived of their rights in this respect, and that good faith should be kept with them. And would again suggest that the easiest, simplest and best mode of settling the whole matter is to allow the limited number entitled to second homesteads the right to homestead their pre-emption in lieu of said privilege. We would further urge that cancelled pre-emption be immediately withdrawn from entry by newcomers, until the matter is finally settled, and that if any cancelled pre-emption of actual resident settlers are entered for, that said entry be cancelled, or that the original pre-emption holder, if desirous, get another pre-emption and so on at his first, either one of the odd sections or other vacant land adjoining, at the option of the original settler, and on as favorable terms as at first taking up. "In conclusion we would draw your attention to the unanimous vote of the Northwest legislative Assembly at its late session re pre-emption and second homesteads, and earnestly urge that in the framing of land laws or orders-in-council pertaining thereto, that they shall be framed, 'so far as the interests of the Dominion will permit,' in conformity with the views of our Northwest M. P.s., of the Northwest legislative assembly, and of the agricultural societies, or other assemblies of farmers, and not of those who are unconnected and non-producers; and hope that immediate and salutary changes will be made re pre-emption and second homesteads, etc., in the direction indicated by the said above-mentioned parties.

FOR SALE.

One upright Bell Piano, took 1st Prize at London Exhibition. Can be seen at MRS. KENNEDY'S, Jasper Avenue.

FOR SALE.

6 1/2 Sec. 27, T. 53, Range 54 west of the fourth meridian. Situated one mile north of Belmont School House patented. Apply to J. KNOWLES, Fraser Avenue, Edmonton, July 11th, 1888.

ESTRAY.

Came to my premises, on South Side on November 2nd, one Bay Mare with white face, one fore and two hind legs white to the knees. Owner to prove property, pay all expenses and take the same away. LAWRENCE GARNEAU.

NOTICE.

Of adjournment of Sheriff Sale of Lands in Saskatchewan. Roman Catholic Public School District No. 2, for school taxes. The above sale has been postponed until January 24th, at 2 p. m. at the School House Fort Saskatchewan. P. W. KING, Sheriff. Per W. S. ROBERTSON, Deputy Sheriff.

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Wares.—Furs of all kinds; for which I will pay the current market price.

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New stock of ulsters and blankets coats, New stock of shawls and wraps, New stock of dress veils and winceys, New stock of laces and underclothing, New stock of hosiery and gloves, New stock of fancy goods, New stock of blankets and flannels, New stock of linens and cottons, New stock of men's and boy's ready made clothing, New stock of ladies' men's and boy's fur caps, New stock in every department.

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The largest, best selected, and undoubtedly the cheapest stock of dress goods ever shown in Edmonton. This is a fact worth knowing, and to confirm it here are a few lines work looking after. Grey dress tweed, heather mixture tweeds, navy blue serges black and colored cashmere, fancy striped material, navy blue rough and ready serges, all colors in catamene serges, satin merveilleux 2708 grain silk, etc.

MEN'S YOUTH'S AND BOYS' READY MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

The enormous encouragement received by this department, from the public during the last six months has given us such confidence that every possible effort has been made to get hold of the best wearing goods of the season. This is a fact and we are now showing the finest range of men's youth's and boy's ready made clothing in the Northwest, consisting of men's and boy's all wool suits in cheviot, saxony, flannel, burn and West of England tweeds, men's tweed pants, cloths, pants, molaslin pants, etc. etc. Men's racoon fur overcoats, blizzard restler overcoats, men's Irish frieze overcoats, fur collars, chamolis lined, men's tweed overcoats for collar rubber lined, men's tweed overcoats with cape, boy's tweed overcoats with cape and hood, men's kid and goat skin jackets, men's leather leggings, arctic stockings, etc.

A large selection of boots, shoes and slippers, overboots and Manitobans in all sizes.

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Travelling bags and valises. Laces, oriental in white eel and coffee colored from one inch to ten inches wide. Fancy tin sel wool, fingering yarns, angola wool. Silk handkerchiefs, fancy work baskets work boxes, fancy clocks and time pieces, note paper and envelopes, etc. A large assortment of perfumery and articles designed for the toilet, etc., etc.

GROCERY AND PROVISION DEPARTMENT.

We have not space to detail the various lots we are offering just now in this department but would advise all householders to give us an early visit. Canned goods in endless variety. Sweet corn, sweet wrinkled peas, selected sweet peas, lima beans, Boston baked beans, succotash, preserved pickled cherries, raspberries, strawberries, blue plums, XX syrup golden drop plums, Bartlett pears, sugar peaches, XX syrup standard apples, tomatoes, tomato catsup, jams, jellies, evaporated peaches, apricots and cherries, etc. Parties purchasing can goods by the case from us can save from 20 to 30 per cent. These goods have been bought in large quantities and at considerable discount, placing us in a position to fill all orders promptly.

Crockery, Glassware, etc.

Special orders taken for any goods not in stock.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

GENERAL.

The Indian department is starting a pigery at Onion lake.

Calgary settlers are petitioning strongly against dues on fallen timber.

Lafferty & Moore, private bankers, are opening a branch at Lethbridge.

The Manitoba government has resumed tracklaying on the Portage extension.

The federal government will disallow the Jesuits bill of the Quebec government.

Coal has been discovered near Boissevain, Southern Manitoba, at a depth of 18 feet.

Two car loads of Chinamen have been imported to work the coal mines at Banff.

The Macleod Gazette supports police commissioner Herchmer against the Leader's attacks.

The Calgary Herald says the number of New Year callers was larger than usual in that town.

The Saskatchewan Herald completed its 10th volume on December 22nd with a specially good number.

The Manitoba government recently sold 20 feet of Winnipeg Main street property adjoining the Clements block to Geo. Clements for \$10,000.

A wind storm at Niagara Falls on January 9th blew down the traffic suspension bridge there, which was erected in 1870 at a cost of \$400,000.

The Macleod Gazette of January 3rd mentions that the snow had all gone except "in drifts and a few sheltered places." Along the mountains there was a fall of twelve to fourteen inches deep on December 22nd.

A. J. McMillan, agent of the Manitoba government, reports good prospects of considerable immigration to Manitoba from Harrison, Teeswater and Mount Forest, Ontario, next summer. The first Manitoba colonist train starts on February 20th.

At Gilman, a little village near Seattle, Washington Territory, on January 8th, an Italian blew two men and a nine year old girl to pieces with dynamite and was promptly lynched by citizens. The bomb took a leg off a third man, who will likely also die.

The following is the relative yearly increase in populations of the cities mentioned during the past seven years: Toronto 11.5 per cent; Montreal, 5.5 per cent; Baltimore, 6.6 per cent; Chicago, 6.1 per cent; Buffalo, 5.0 per cent; Cleveland, 4.6 per cent; San Francisco, 6.0 per cent; Boston, 2.4 per cent; Philadelphia, 2.4 per cent; New York, 3.2 per cent.

Free Press, January 11th: "Mr. C. S. Drummond left Ottawa for Winnipeg Wednesday, accompanied by Jas. Lloyd, representative of Lucas & Aird, the largest railway contractors in the world. Lloyd made enquiries at the Interior Department regarding the land grant to the Wood Mountain and Qu'Appelle railway and the Alberta and Athabasca railway. He will inspect both roads and if his report is favorable Lucas & Aird will undertake the construction of both roads next year."

Calgary Tribune, Ottawa telegram: "Drummond of Winnipeg, who has been in London, England, arranging to float the Alberta and Athabasca Railway running from Calgary north to Athabasca Landing, the charter of which was renewed last session, has arrived here with Lloyd, who represents wealthy capitalists. A notice of application has also been made to parliament for the construction of Calgary, Montana and Alberta road, to run from Calgary to the International boundary. Both companies will work in unison."

An Ottawa despatch says: Col. Irvine has arrived from Prince Albert to take a surrender from the Indians of a small section of country lying between the south boundary of treaty six and the north boundary of the Provincial District of Assiniboia. Several half-breed residents in that section are unable to obtain scrip because they live in unsundered territory. The half-breeds are anxious to obtain scrip, and the Government is not unwilling to grant it to them. Robert Goulet, one of the half-breed commissioners, will issue scrip to the half-breeds entitled to it.

An Ottawa telegram to the Winnipeg Free Press says that the public accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1888, show a deficit of \$810,031, and declares that with proper book keeping the deficit would be \$3,000,000. \$539,927 were paid on account of the Northwest rebellion of 1885. The gross left incurred during the year ending June 30th, 1888, increased from \$273,187,626 to \$285,512,845. The net debt increased from \$227,314,775 to \$234,513,355. The receipts from customs and excise declined from \$28,581,001 to \$28,177,413 a reduction of over half a million. Receipts from other sources show an increase of nearly \$700,000, so that the total revenue is \$153,470 in excess of the previous year. The total expenditure is increased from \$35,657,680 to \$36,718,470. The total receipts from Northwest lands in 1888 amounted to \$217,083, while expenditure for surveys, management, etc., reached \$319,595, leaving a deficit of \$102,513 on lands account.

SHERIFFS' SALE.

the stock of

STEWART & BANNERMAN

Now under seizure will be sold at auction in their former place of business.

Sale to commence on

MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH INSTANT,

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And to continue until the whole is disposed of

This is an immense stock of first class

BOOTS — AND — SHOES

all kinds and sizes.

Men's kid and

buck skin initts and gloves.

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woollen mitts,

MEN'S LONG WOOLLEN STOCKINGS.

and other articles too numerous to mention.

These goods will be put up in single lots.

Purchasers to have the privilege of taking

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at the rate paid for the single

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They always have a good stock of watches, clocks, jewellery, silverware, school books, stationary, bibles, prayer and hymn books. If you want a good book to read we have them.

E. RAYMER & CO.

N. B.—Watches, clocks and jewellery repaired and warranted.

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THOMAS SINCLAIR.

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T. B. Henderson, Tailor and Photographer Has received a stock of the newest and best machines made. Call and examine; at 1st building north of post office.

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RAISINS, LONDON LAYERS, TEAS, THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY, COD, FISH

BLACK BASKETS, JAPAN TEAS, IN PACKAGES, LABRADOR, HERRINGS.

FINEST DRUGS, BASKETS & CHESTS, BACON, AND

LOOSE MUSCATELS, BLACK TEA, IN ALL GRADES, HAMS, AND

AND OTHER BRANDS, COFFEE, CHOICE JAVA, OLD CORN, AND

CANDIED PEEL, GOVT. JAVA, PURE, OAT-MEAL

FRESH FIGS, ALMONDS, RIO & PURE MOCHA

PERSIAN DATES.

EVAPORATED APPLES, ALSO A SELECT LOT OF

PLUMS, PATENT MEDICINES

PEACHES, APRICOTS, NECTARINES

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Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Plushes, Ulsters, Fur Capes and Caps, Underclothing of all kinds, Infant's Dresses, Woollen Goods, Millinery, Laces, etc., etc.

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Parties furnishing, will do well to view the large assortment of these goods displayed, Prices down to "Red Rock."

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

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MOORE & MACDOWALL, (Limited),

will sell lumber at Edmonton at the following rates:

Rough lumber per M \$20. Stock boards M \$25

Dimensions:

Up to 16 feet \$20; for each additional ft \$1.00

Plank, rough, \$20; dressed on 1 side 30.00

Dressed on both sides 35.00

Flooring per M \$40. Siding per M \$40

Rough Battens per M \$25.

Fence Pickets, rough, per b'dle 3.00

Dressed and pointed 4.00

Shingles, per M \$4.00. Lath per b'dle 7.00

Base " " \$40.00. Panel per M \$35.00

Shelving 1x10 per M dressed 2 sides 32.50

Inch lumber dressed 1 side per M 30.00

Wainscoting 1x3 dressed 1 side and

beaded, per M 40.00

Beading per lineal ft 1c. Band moulding 2 1/2c

5 casing per lineal ft 2c O. G. crown " 2 1/2c

Quarter round " " 1c

Sills 6x6 per lineal ft. Spruce 8c Tamarac 10c

" 8x8 " " " 10c " 12c

" 10x10 " " " 12c " 14c

On bills of \$300 and upwards 10 per cent.

off for cash within thirty days.

Special rates for points down the river.

P. G. GRAY, Agent.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

Notice is hereby given that George Cliff King of the Town of Calgary in the District of Alberta in the Northwest Territories of Canada, Merchant, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from his wife Louisa King formerly of the said Town of Calgary, now of Edmonton in the District of Alberta in the Northwest Territories of Canada, on the ground of adultery.

GEORGE CLIFF KING,

BY BLECKER & SMITH,

his Solicitors.

Dated at the Town of Calgary in the District of Alberta, Northwest Territories of Canada, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1888.

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FRASER & CO.

Have on hand a Large Stock of

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Which they will sell at the following rates:

Rough Lumber, per M \$20.00

Stock Boards, per M 25.00

Dimensions:

Up to 16 feet, per M 20.00

Each additional foot, \$1.00

Plank, rough, 20.00

" dressed on 1 side \$30; 2 sides 35.00

Rough Battens, per M 25.00

Fence Pickets, rough, per bundle 3.00

" dressed and pointed 4.00

Shelving, 1x10, dressed on 2 sides 32.50

Inch Lumber, dressed on one side 30.00

Wainscoting, 1x3, dressed on one

side and beaded, per M 40.00

Lath, per b'dle \$7. Shingles, per M 4.00

Panel, per M 35. Base, per M 40.00

Flooring, per M 40. Siding, per M 40.00

5 casing p. lineal ft. 2c. O. G. crown 1c

Quarter round 1c

Beading, per lineal foot 1c

Band Moulding, per lineal foot 2 1/2c

Sills 6x6 per lineal ft. Spruce 8c Tamarac 10c

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On bills of \$300 and upwards 10 per cent.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate the Assiniboia, Edmonton & Unjiga Railway Company with power to construct a railway from some point on the Canada Pacific Railway at Swift Current or convenient thereto and running thence in a general westerly North westerly direction, crossing the North Saskatchewan River at or near Edmonton, to the Peace River at or near the mouth of the Smoky River.

ROAF, ROAF & ARMSTRONG,

Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated Toronto, 1st November, 1888.

CURLING.
The first of the regular series of curling matches took place on Monday evening on the rink in the H. B. Fort, with the following result: D. B. Fraser, Jas. Lauder and J. McCauley, G. W. Hishop skip—6. T. B. Henderson, John Looby and H. S. Young, Jas. Lauder skip—18.

The second match was on Tuesday afternoon between rinks 5 and 6, and resulted as follows: Sgt. Davidson, J. B. Henderson, J. D. T. Basher, Rev. W. G. McQueen skip—12. John A. McDougal, E. Rayner and H. S. Casey, Rev. Geo. H. Long—14.

The third match was on Tuesday evening between rinks 3 and 4, with the following result: A. Taylor, Thos. Stewart and H. S. Casey, Jas. McDonald skip—11. Jas. Ross, J. R. Michael and J. H. Kelly, Jas. Johnstone skip—8.

The fourth game was played on Friday afternoon between rinks 2 and 3, resulting as follows: Jas. Lauder, E. Rayner and J. McCauley, G. W. Hishop skip—15. Alex. Taylor, J. McL. Peacock and F. G. Gray, Jas. McDonald skip—10.

The rink was flooded on Thursday and the ice was in first class condition.

WEATHER.
As winter advances the weather is becoming more pleasant if that were possible. Over half the winter season is over, and there has yet been no snowing, no wind storms and no unpleasantly cold weather. At the present time the ground is perfectly bare of snow in and around town, and not enough snow for sleighing for from 50 to 100 miles in any direction. The river is still open in many places, and there was considerable water on the ice on Thursday last. Cattle have been feeding on the prairie every day, only coming in at night for hay. As there has been rain and so little snow there has been no mud, the roads are smooth and the wheeling, excepting on the prairie, is not as brisk as if the weather were colder but what is lost in this way by the supplier is gained by the consumer, although there is a particular loss there is a general gain. It is generally supposed that a great deal of sickness accompanies a mild winter, but there has been nothing to complain of on that score as yet. Taken altogether the half of the winter already passed has been as fine in every particular as heart could desire.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

An oyster supper was fully enjoyed in Burleigh's hotel last night (January 15th), by a few of "the boys" of Fort Saskatchewan. The supper was the outcome of a match held on New Year's day on the Fort Saskatchewan rifle association ranges. Two teams were chosen, captained respectively by Sgt. Major Diamond and A. Lang, Esq. The winning team received a box of cigars and the losers had to pay for the supper. Mr. Lang's team won by 14 points. Good shooting was done and, showing the fitness of the weather, no gloves were used. Ranges 200 and 400 yards, 7 shots each. Mr. Lang's score was 61 points—pretty good remembering the shooting was done under an eclipse of the sun.

OAT CONTRACT.

CLOVER HILL, Jan. 21st, '90.
To F. Oliver,
Editor EDMONTON BULLETIN.

DEAR SIR—

Feeling that any unfair dealing in the letting of government contracts should be made public, and in justice to my partner, F. Ottewill and other farmers, I write this letter, and trust you will publish the same.

I tendered for 100,000 bushels of oats at 1888 and 9 of 100,000 lbs. at 2 cents per pound, but, notwithstanding that this was much the lowest tender for that post, I was politely told by my Commissioner when he was here, that he would not accept my tender at that price, but informed me that I might deliver 100,000 pounds at 58¢ per bushel; but not knowing what the crop would be, and feeling that this was a most unjust, unfair and unusual way of doing business, I refused the result was that he asked the farmers for offers. Half of the amount of oats required, 75,000 pounds, were tendered for at 58¢, the other 25,000 pounds for offers until about two weeks ago, when finding that oats were a drug in the market (a most unusual occurrence) he made an offer for the remaining 75,000 pounds at 54 cents per bushel; oats to be delivered in the usual manner as called for in the original contract. Imagine my surprise the other day at being informed that the Hudson's Bay Company had been granted the contract at 55 cents, or one cent more than our offer, and with exactly the same conditions. The reason for this most unjust proceeding I am unable to understand. Were our avarice wanting in any respect? No! Was it doubtful if we could supply the oats? No! Then perhaps someone who understands the Commissioner's peculiar ways better than I do can answer the question. I can't.

Yours truly,

ST. GEO. JELLEY.

MARRIAGE.

At John O'Groat's house, Edmonton, the residence of Malcolm Groat, Esq., on Wednesday, January 23rd by the Rev. D. G. McQueen, B. A., assisted by Rev. W. A. Bradley, Daniel S. Fulton, of Hants county, Nova Scotia, to Miss Eliza L. Unwin, of Stenica, Orkney Islands, Scotland.

The wedding party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Groat, and was attended by upwards of one hundred guests. Dancing followed the wedding breakfast and was kept up until early on Thursday morning. The bride received many handsome and valuable presents.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Saturday morning, January 25th, 1888. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Alexander Taylor, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Saturday,	16	7
Sunday,	31	15
Monday,	35	15
Tuesday,	45	27
Wednesday,	45	27
Thursday,	44	24
Friday,	44	24
Saturday,	45	28

Barometer falling, 27.821.

BANKING.

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